

While the military and diplomatic cooperation over the years is impressive, there are so many other areas in which relations between our two nations have flourished over the course of the past 50 years. The United States and Qatar have extensive economic ties. As Qatar's largest foreign direct investor and its single largest source of imports, the United States has developed a robust trade relationship with Qatar, with over 120 U.S. companies operating in country. U.S. exports to Qatar increased by 47.7 percent from 2018 to 2019, totaling \$6.5 billion in 2019.

Major education ties have been developed over the course of the fifty-year relationship. Annually, hundreds of Qatari students study in the United States. In addition, six U.S. universities have branch campuses in Qatar's Education City complex. These include Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar, Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, Texas A&M University at Qatar, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, and Northwestern University.

In short, over the course of the 50-year relationship, the United States and Qatar have developed military and strategic ties, cooperated on major diplomatic initiatives, enlarged financial and economic relations, and supported worthy causes and educational advancement for students in both countries. Significantly, although our two nations are in different regions of the world, with different histories and cultures, they have been able to forge an enduring friendship based on many shared values. I look forward to this relationship deepening even further in the next 50 years and beyond.

**HONORING DR. MARIAM ESAT AS  
A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN  
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN  
AMERICAN AND PACIFIC IS-  
LANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Dr. Mariam Esat immigrated to the United States in 1986 from Zimbabwe. In 1982, at the age of 23, she graduated as a medical doctor from the University of Zimbabwe.

Through dedication and despite a scarcity of resources, she was able to beat the odds and gained acceptance to an internal medicine residency program at New York Downtown Hospital in 1987. She then pursued an infectious disease fellowship at the Manhattan Veterans Administration Hospital/New York University. She is American Board certified in both internal medicine and infectious diseases. At the height of the HIV epidemic, she joined Columbia University/Harlem Hospital as an assistant professor, serving the underprivileged population where she participated in HIV clinical trials at a time when the disease was feared, and much was unknown. She then returned to Zimbabwe for several years as there was a huge need in Sub-Saharan Africa for her expertise where HIV was rampant.

In 2003, she returned with her family to the United States. Since then, she has treated

countless patients throughout the Florida hospital systems. As president of infectious disease consultancy services, P.L. in Hunters Creek, she serves the private sector in Orange and Osceola Counties.

Dr. Esat has worked relentlessly teaching medical staff, and together as a team, they have been in the front line as first responders in the management of patients with COVID-19. She has worked diligently to save lives throughout the hospitals and intensive care units. She initiated new treatment protocols as the disease unraveled and knowledge about the disease was evolving at lightning speed.

She has held many leadership positions including chairman of the Peer Review, Pharmacy and Therapeutics, and Antimicrobial Stewardship Committees, member of the Medical Executive and Crisis Care Committees, and served on the Board of Trustees at Osceola Regional Medical Center.

**RECOGNIZING BISHOP ZACHARY N.  
HICKS**

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the Historic First Jurisdiction of Michigan Northeast, a house of worship located in Detroit, Michigan and to honor the Right Reverend Zachary N. Hicks and his elevation to the Bishopric.

Bishop Hicks has faithfully pastored the Faith Clinic Church of God in Christ for over thirty years, ministering to the needs of individuals of many backgrounds in the surrounding community. He has led with a natural instinct to provide for his congregation and community through numerous outstanding programs to residents regardless of age, sex, opportunity, or background.

Bishop Hicks also notably has developed and overseen many housing and food assistance programs over the decades and is currently leading the Love N Kindness Community Development Corporation to provide to homeless veterans in the metropolitan Detroit area. His service shows a clear commitment to community development and prosperity, with a specific focus on the underprivileged and disenfranchised.

Bishop Hicks has proven his love and compassion both with his congregation and with the greater community, and this experience will serve as a great wealth of knowledge and opportunity to lead in this new role. Please join me in celebrating Bishop Zachary N. Hicks in honor of his elevation to Bishop at the Historic First Jurisdiction of Michigan, Northeast.

**FRONT RANGE COMMUNITY COL-  
LEGE INNOVATION CHALLENGE**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the team

from Front Range Community College on becoming one of twelve finalists for the National Science Foundation's Community College Innovation Challenge (CCIC). This program asks small teams of U.S. community college students, alongside a faculty or administrator advisor, to craft innovative Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)-based solutions for real world problems. The CCIC is meant to encourage and highlight innovations by students coming out of two-year institutions that are typically underrepresented in the areas of STEM. Finalist teams will participate in an Innovation Boot Camp, which will provide immersion in the thinking, skills, and tools that help transform innovation into entrepreneurship. I congratulate all of the competition's participants for their work on a variety of important projects.

The team at Front Range tackled challenges associated with oil spills through their innovative Orca method. Inspired by the unique feeding style of whales, the Orca Oil-Separating & Bio-Filtration Vessel deploys a new method of cleaning oil spills that is both inexpensive and quick. Oil spills have tremendous environmental and economic costs, particularly on local communities, and I applaud the Front Range team for their work on this important issue.

I congratulate the Front Range team and their faculty advisor for their success. I applaud these students for their dedication to this important project and their leadership and commitment to STEM education, blazing a path for our country's future leaders and innovators. I am proud of the work Front Range Community College does every day and I look forward to seeing what the school and these students accomplish in the years to come.

**RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF  
BRANDON GRISSOM**

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Brandon Lyle Grissom, an honorable family man and devoted citizen throughout the luka community. Mr. Grissom exemplifies the true definition of honor and selflessness, and brought joy to all he came encounter with.

Brandon was a devoted member to luka First United Pentecostal Church as he served as the Children's Pastor and was a part of the board. A firefighter for over 25 years and was the Tishomingo County District One Supervisor, Mr. Grissom served the ones around him remarkably.

I am deeply grateful for genuine and serving citizens like Brandon Lyle Grissom, and my thoughts are with the people who loved him most.

HONORING DR. MARIA ELOISA ALBAY DE PADUA AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Maria Eloisa Albay de Padua, MD, is the longest-serving physician in Central Florida Health Care, a non-profit federally qualified community health care center.

After finishing her education in the Philippines, Dr. de Padua immigrated to the United States of America and did her residency at the Children's Hospital of Buffalo. After learning about CFHC's mission to help migrant workers and the underserved 27 years ago, Dr. de Padua joined and never looked back.

Going into medicine to help the sick and the most vulnerable, Dr. de Padua considered CFHC the perfect place to realize her dreams. Initially, she worked as a pediatrician for the Frostproof, Wauchula, and Avon Park Community Health Centers. Then, as CFHC began growing, Dr. de Padua helped start several other facilities by being one of the first providers in the Dundee, Mulberry, Lakeland, and Winter Haven Community Health Centers.

As a pediatrician, Dr. de Padua treats sick children from birth to age 18. Her focus is on helping children stay healthy by ensuring they get their well checks and immunizations promptly. Having served the community for 27 years, Dr. de Padua now has former patients who are parents, bringing their children to see her as patients.

For de Padua, her greatest reward as a pediatrician is to see her patients grow from newborns to young students to college graduates who then move on to become contributing members of society.

HONORING JILLIAN FUSS FOR EARNING THE HUSKY 100 AWARD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

### HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jillian Fuss, from Napavine, Washington on being awarded the Husky 100 from the University of Washington.

The University of Washington Husky 100 program recognizes 100 undergraduate and graduate students from all campuses and all areas of study who are making the most of their time at the university. Recipients of the Husky 100 are successfully connecting what happens inside the classroom to the outside, helping make a difference on campus, in their communities, and in the future—and Jillian is no exception.

Jillian is pursuing her bachelor's in Medical Anthropology Global Health Microbiology at the University of Washington. After graduation,

Jillian wants to apply her degree and what she's learned to "use our unique genius creations and knowledge to empower communities and heal." Her current activities and goals for her future are exactly why Jillian was given this recognition.

Once again, I want to congratulate Jillian on receiving this honor and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

CELEBRATING DR. MITCHELL'S RETIREMENT

### HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Dr. Judy Mitchell and her over 25 years of service to Joliet Junior College as she embarks on a well-deserved retirement.

Beginning her higher education career at 34, Dr. Mitchell quickly made a name for herself. Within 18-years, she was able to earn not one, but five degrees that spurred multiple career advancements, leading her to become the ninth president of the nation's first public community college, Joliet Junior College.

As a JJC alum herself, Dr. Mitchell fully embodied the College's mission of inspiring learning, working hard, and cultivating pathways to prosperity. In her time as President, Dr. Mitchell has assisted in the creation of offices such as the Student Advising Center and the Office of Diversity Equity, Inclusion, and Compliance, creating a stronger school foundation for all.

A fierce supporter of JJC in and outside of her presidency, Dr. Mitchell has even personally contributed 40 percent in funding to support returning adult students through what is appropriately deemed the Dr. Judy Mitchell Scholarship.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent the communities Joliet Junior College serves, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Dr. Judy Mitchell for her prolific contributions to Joliet Junior College, and with best wishes for a happy next chapter of her life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE JUDY ELIZABETH INMON POSEY

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the life of Judge Judy Elizabeth Inmon Posey. I join her family, friends, and loved ones in mourning her loss.

Judy Posey was born in Okolona on October 3, 1956 to Tommy and Audrey Corley Inmon. She attended Okolona High School and married Timothy Charles Posey on April 5, 1985. In 1999 Judge Posey was elected to serve Chickasaw County as a Justice Court Judge. She was known for her fair and firm decision-making. I am grateful for her service to the state of Mississippi. Her time on the bench will not be forgotten and she is greatly appreciated for all she has done.

Left to cherish her memory are husband, Tim; son, Tom; daughter, Elizabeth; and three grandchildren.

I am grateful for Judge Posey's lifetime of public service and offer my most sincere condolences to her loved ones.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. MARTIN SHICHTMAN

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Martin Shichtman on the occasion of his retirement from Eastern Michigan University after serving as a Professor of English Language and Literature for nearly four decades. As the founder and director of the EMU Center for Jewish Studies, his service to Eastern Michigan University and the greater Southeast Michigan community is worthy of commendation.

A proud native of Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Shichtman is a graduate of Binghamton University and the University of Iowa, where he studied Medieval English Literature. At Eastern Michigan University, he has taught various subjects, including Arthurian literature and Jewish-American Literature and Culture. When an administrator approached him about diversifying the university's interdisciplinary studies, he brought courses such as Literature, Film, and the Holocaust to the classroom. After the success of that course, alongside colleagues Jeffrey Bernstein, Pamela Landau, and Jessica Alexander, the idea for a Jewish Studies program was born. The Center for Jewish Studies opened in 2012 and has grown extensively. It offers a minor in Jewish Studies as well as domestic and international travel courses to New York and Israel. The Center also brings speakers, musicians, and other special events to campus, exposing the community to Jewish history and culture.

Known to his students as "Marty," Dr. Shichtman is a familiar face on Eastern's campus. Quick to crack a joke and offer a reference from his vast media vocabulary—spanning from baseball to film, Dr. Shichtman has shared his wit and wisdom with students in Ypsilanti and beyond for the past four decades. During his time as Director of the Center for Jewish Studies, he has worked to serve the working-class, first-generation college students at Eastern Michigan University, educating them on Jewish culture, and providing countless scholarships and opportunities for learning. Under his leadership, the Center has grown from an idea to an institution that hosts Jewish leaders and artists from around the world and has become a gathering place for learners across the state. He resides in Plymouth, Michigan with his family and remains an active leader in the Southeast Michigan Jewish community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Martin Shichtman on this special day as the EMU Center for Jewish Studies celebrates ten fantastic years and we celebrate the retirement of Dr. Shichtman. He has touched the lives of so many students and his impact will be felt for years to come. I join with Dr. Shichtman's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement and thank him for all that he has done for the students of Eastern Michigan University.